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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, SHUM, UN  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN UN

1. AT STANLEY FOUNDATION CONFERENCE FOR UN OFFICIALS  
CONCERNED WITH UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, UNDER  
SECRETARY GENERAL BUFFUM GAVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES  
HIS VIEWS ON OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE FOR ADVANCING  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS IN UN.

2. BUFFUM SAID MOST PROMISING IDEA ADVANCED BY PRESIDENT  
IN HIS SPEECH TO UN IS THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER.  
BUT THE ONLY WAY TO SUCCEED IN PROMOTING THIS IDEA IS  
TO ASSOCIATE A PROMINENT AFRICAN STATE WITH IT. HE  
PERSONALLY BELIEVES THAT SENEGAL IS THE MOST PROMISING  
CANDIDATE. ITS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION IS HIGHLY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT AFRICA AND  
ELSEWHERE. BUFFUM THOUGHT THAT PROMOTING SENEGALESE HRC  
REPRESENTATIVE AS THE FIRST UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER  
COULD HELP TO DEFUSE NATURAL AFRICAN SUSPICION OF AN  
IDEA WHICH ORIGINATED OUTSIDE OF AFRICA.

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3. BUFFUM WAS NOT VERY ENCOURAGING WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE  
IDEA OF PROMOTING REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONERS--  
THE IDEA UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OFFICIALS RECENTLY  
RAISED WITH JOHN BAKER IN GENEVA. BUFFUM POINTED OUT  
THAT EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA ALREADY HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS  
MACHINERY. ASIA IS PROBABLY TOO POLITICALLY DIVERSE FOR

THE IDEA OF NEW MACHINERY TO CATCH HOLD THERE. SO ONE WAS LEFT WITH AFRICA. AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND, HE BELIEVED IT WAS BETTER TO TRY TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA OF A UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER, WHO WOULD IN FACT TURN OUT TO BE A DISTINGUISHED AFRICAN.

4. BUFFUM SAW NO HOPE OF MOVING THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BACK TO NEW YORK FROM GENEVA. ACCORDING TO BUFFUM, OTHER DELEGATIONS RESENTED THE IDEA THAT ONE HAD TO BE IN NEW YORK IN ORDER TO GAIN ADEQUATE PRESS TREATMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, HOWEVER TRUE THAT MIGHT BE. BUFFUM CAUTIONED THAT U.S. SHOULD NOT EXPECT TO WIN IMPORTANCE FOR ANY MAJOR SOOUPWIILAN#RIGHTS FIELD IN UN IN SHORT TIME. WE NEEDED TO SET OUR GOALS AND THEN PURSUE THEM THROUGHOUT COURSE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. THOMPSON

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